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Tech. Sgt. Clark Elwarner, 911th Aircraft Maintenance Unit C-130 crew chief, installs wing panels after inspection at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location March 7, 2010.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund)



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Commander's Comment

By
Col. Daryl J. Hartman
Operations Group
Commander



What is careerism?

Anniversaries can evoke lots of feelings and not necessarily good ones. I recently crossed the 31 year threshold of military service and it caused me to reflect on how the Air Force has changed over the last 3+ decades.

As a young ROTC cadet in the mid-70's, I clearly remember my instructors warning me that one of the greatest dangers to the military is careerism. At the time I was only vaguely familiar, let alone concerned, with the concept. I think it's worth discussing what careerism is and how to walk the fine line between promoting oneself and supporting the mission by promoting the best person.

Unlike active duty, we have the ability to promote someone to their highest level of competence (and, hopefully, job satisfaction) and let them serve a long career becoming an expert in that field. We can also encourage and facilitate a truly gifted leader in reaching their highest achievable level. Our greatest challenge is in communicating the possibilities and limitations to individuals along the way. Here is where it's critical for supervisors to, for lack of a better word, mentor their people. I almost hate the word because it compartmentalizes a concept that is, and should be, flexible and situational, not rigid and programmatic.

If I've learned anything, it's that folks are motivated by different things. It sounds incredibly obvious, but I've seen way too many leaders with a monolithic style of dealing with every situation and every person. An effective leader gets to know what motivates his people and the only way to do that is by getting to know them. The most effective mentoring happens while you're talking about tractors, or football, or

music, or kids or whatever is important to them. That's when you learn about hopes and dreams and goals and frustrations and doubts and fears and limitations. That's when you can encourage and discourage career decisions based on who they are and where they are in their career.

Promotion for promotion sake is what we need to avoid. When you ask someone why they want to move to a different position and their first reason is; "so I can get a stripe," warning bells should go off! We all know someone, probably lots of someone's, who left a job they loved for a promotion and then lived in misery.

We also need to recognize and respect special circumstances. Pressuring someone to take a job that, although it's the perfect opportunity, would result in unmanageable family stress is irresponsible. Again, nearly all potentially disastrous situations can be avoided by getting to know people on a more personal level.

It is also important for individuals to participate in their own career progress. What I mean is; they can help us to position them for opportunities by letting us know what good things they're doing. For example, I have an "I love me" wall in my office at home. My graduation certificates, diplomas, awards, and a plethora of other artifacts, worthless to anyone but me. If everyone kept a folder of "I love me" stuff in their desk it would be much easier for your supervisor to write your OPR/EPR/Appraisal at the end of the rating period and it would really reflect what you've done.

Finally, and here's the touchy one, outliving everyone else in the section doesn't mean you're the next in line. We can only succeed if we objectively pick the right person for the job. There is no right of entitlement in the military and if the new guy is the right guy then he's 'the guy!' The best choice I ever made in selecting a squadron commander was picking someone from outside the wing who had the right leadership style and skill set for the organization. It ruffled feathers, but in the end the squadron emerged better, faster, stronger.

Our greatest asset is our people and the only way to fully realize that asset is to encourage it, nurture it, and even occasionally cajole it. By putting the right people in the right place at the right level, we build a better Air Force Reserve.



CMSAF Roy makes first visit to Reserve base

Top enlisted member stresses important role Reservists play

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Pryor
Public Affairs

The Air Force's top enlisted member, in his first trip to a Reserve base, stressed the important role Reservists play in accomplishing the Air Force's overall mission during a visit here March 6-7.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy is the 16th member to hold that position and the first to visit the 911th Airlift Wing.

"It is important that I visit Reserve and Guard units," said Chief Roy. "I represent all enlisted members, and the only way I can really know what they are faced with is to visit these locations. As much as I thought I knew, there's more I need to learn."

At an Enlisted Call, Chief Roy began by describing the current status of the Air Force.

"We are a nation at war," the chief said. "The mission we have to fulfill wouldn't happen if we didn't have the tactical airlift and agile combat support Pittsburgh provides. We have to focus on training our Airmen to meet that mission."

"I know there are training challenges you face here every day. For education, we are looking at how we do PME (Professional Military Education) and the Noncommissioned Officer and Senior NCO Academies. I want to make sure you have the most current training and education available."

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force also noted that there are unique problems Reservists face that separate them from their active duty counterparts.

"I think your position is very difficult," Chief Roy said. "You have three bosses: your employer, the Air Force and your family. There are many challenges and sacrifices your families face. Let your families know how much we appreciate them."

Taking care of families, especially during deployments, is an issue that's being looked at, the chief said. With this being the "Year of the Air Force Family," in-place family support programs are being studied to see if they are working.

One of the questions addressed during the Enlisted Call concerned changes being planned for the physical training program. The questioner was concerned that the Reserves and Guard will lose experienced people due to the new requirements.

"We may lose some experience, but we may lose you in combat, too," Chief Roy said. "We have to make sure we are fit. There has to be a mix between experience and being physically fit."

Chief Roy was the guest speaker for the 911th AW's Annual Awards' Banquet, held March 6. More than 350 wing members attended the banquet.

He said what he'll remember about his visit here is, "the professionalism and the devotion to the security of our nation that Pittsburgh's Airmen showed."

Chief Master Sgt. John Payne, 911th AW command chief,



Photo by Airman 1st Class Melissa Knox

Chief Master Sergeant James A. Roy speaks at the 911th Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, annual awards banquet, March 6, 2010. More than 350 individuals had the opportunity to hear what the 16th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force had to say on his first visit to a Reserve Base.

said, "This was a great opportunity for us to give the chief master sergeant of the Air Force a first-hand look at how we carry out our mission. I know he came away with a positive impression of the 911th's Airmen. It was an honor to be the first Reserve base to host Chief Roy."

The Monroe, Mich. native also toured the base and received a mission briefing. During his tour he spoke with Airmen in various duty sections and offered advice for how to succeed as a Reservist in today's Air Force.

"How can you be the best Airman you can be? Be the best Airman you can. Airmen have to be focused on the mission," he said. "You have to be prepared for missions as they come up – both traditional and nontraditional. We have to make sure you are equipped and trained."

He added that there has to be deliberate development where Airmen are trained, educated and have the experience to carry out the mission.

"Thank you for a great visit. The mission is not carried out by one individual service or one individual component. This is a team sport. Continue to be the best technicians in the world," the chief said.

911th Maintainers help Reserve Command secure excellence award for second consecutive year

by Public Affairs

For the second year in a row, the Air Force Reserve Command was named the Gen. Wilbur L. Creech Maintenance Excellence Award winner.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz hosted the 2009 award ceremony in the Pentagon March 11. Receiving the award was Col. T. Glenn Davis, former director of AFRC Logistics (A4).

In presenting the award, General Schwartz highlighted the challenges AFRC logistics readiness and maintenance Airmen face. Reservists fly “nearly every aircraft in the inventory,” the general said, “including missions unique to them, like aerial firefighting.”

General Schwartz noted that the Creech Award is special because “nobody puts together a glossy awards” package. “It’s about the numbers and who performed the best,” he said. According to the award citation, AFRC officials improved the logistics support of combat readiness for 38 flying units throughout the command, including support for 385 aircraft and more than 26,500 logistics Airmen.

The “True North” aircraft maintenance and scheduling initiative increased in the number of Reserve aircraft available, from 193 to more than 230 aircraft per day, the citation said. This process resulted in fly-to-fly days dropping from 100 to less than 20 days on legacy C-5 Galaxy inspections.

The average fly-to-fly days for C-130 Hercules aircraft fell from an average of more than 40 days to fewer than 25 days with one benchmark producing fly-to-fly times under 10 days at the 911th Airlift Wing here in Pittsburgh.

The 911th’s fly-to-fly times, or aircraft availability cost savings, combined with labor cost savings was estimated at approximately \$10 million for 2009.

in ISO in 2008 than they did in 2007 and our maintainers have improved in each successive year, which translates into savings fleet-wide,” Chief Keblish added.

Adding to the significance of the 911th’s benchmark program was that in 2007, the Wing transferred their C-130 H2s to Pope Air Force Base and received older model H2s from the 137th Airlift

Wing, Oklahoma Air National Guard, as part of an AFRC fleet-wide C-130 redistribution initiative.

“Having a maintainer lose their only assigned aircraft would be the equivalent to seeing your life-long best friend move away. You know all their quirks, strengths and anomalies and now you have to start over...this time with a new plane,” said Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr., 911th Air Lift Wing commander. “But our maintainers are top-notch Airmen and they have stepped-up to the challenge

and this award symbolizes their professionalism,” said Col. Elwell.

The award represents the results of the numbers accomplished by the unit members who do the work and tell the story, all of which has added to a profound bottom line as noted by Chief Keblish.

“The bottom line is our maintainers made a difference in our Air Force and for that I am very proud of each and every one of them and what they have accomplished,” Chief Keblish concluded.



(U.S. Air Force photo)

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz presents the Gen. Wilbur L. Creech Maintenance Excellence Award for 2009 to Col. T. Glenn Davis, former director of Air Force Reserve Command Logistics (A4), March 11, 2010.

While supporting Overseas Contingency Operations maintainer, Chief Master Sgt. Terrance Keblish, e-mailed other fellow maintainers serving overseas and at home praising their efforts in support of the award.

“The award to the command reflects our maintainers dedication to the mission and the staggering impact their work has had within the Air Force Reserve Command and Air Force- wide with regard to our ISO process improvement process,” said Chief Keblish.

“Our aircraft spent 258 days less

Census 2010 facts, how to avoid scams

The U.S. Constitution mandates that each U.S. resident be required by law to answer the census, which is conducted every ten years. Thomas Jefferson conducted the first census in 1790 and a census has been taken every ten years since.

Census data affects the number of seats a state has in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as how much of the now \$400 billion in federal funds a state will receive for roads, hospitals, and the like.

The 2010 census is shorter than before at just ten questions: four general questions about the household and additional information such as the race, gender, and age of each person living in the household.

Make sure to mail the completed census form so that it arrives at the Census Bureau by Census Day, April

1, 2010; otherwise, you may receive a follow up visit by a census taker who will want your census information.

Identifying and Avoiding Census Scams

Census takers will only contact a household by mail, phone, or in person. Census data is never collected via e-mail or the Internet. If you receive an information request electronically, do not click any links or open any attachments and delete the e-mail immediately. Phishing (masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an e-mail to obtain personal information) is illegal.

If so inclined, forward the e-mail or web site URL to the Census Bureau at ITSO.Fraud.Reporting@census.gov. Make sure you delete the e-mail after you forward it.

Never give your social security number. The Census Bureau will never

ask for a full SSN.

The Census Bureau will never ask for PIN codes, passwords, account numbers or any access information to credit cards, bank accounts or other financial accounts.

Ask to see their valid U.S. Census badge.

The majority of census forms are mailed, census takers deliver census forms to about 10 percent of census recipients. The Census Bureau also wants a certain number of households to provide their data in person.

The Census Bureau must deliver census data to the President by December 31, 2010. Thus, if a census taker arrives at your door after that date you will meet a scammer.

The information in this article has been obtained at www.associatedcontent.com

Anti-terrorism initiative seeks awareness Eagle Eyes program enlists eyes, ears of members

by **Special Agent Mickel Howell**
Office of Special Investigations

Eagle Eyes is a program to employ all members of the military, their families, friends and yes even our neighbors to report suspicious activities. This could be anything from someone sitting outside of the base taking pictures, notes, uses binoculars to watch our activities, stealing uniforms, acquiring fake military identification, etc.

There have been many reports of these types of incidents but unfortunately some of the information provided to local law enforcement, Security Forces and even OSI, have been sketchy at best. In the future, if you observe something out of place, out of the ordinary, or even if the little hairs on the back of your neck tell you something just isn't right, don't just drive by, please remember the following!

What: Describe the incident – What did you see or hear? (Someone taking notes, photographs, asking about base access procedures, etc.)

Where: Where did it occur - Outside the base, in a hotel parking lot, grocery store, anywhere!)

Who: Describe the person and the vehicle – (Height, weight, race, hair color, clothes, gender) (Make of vehicle, color, license plate, direction of travel, etc.)

When: As soon as possible please report to local PD, SFS, or OSI – the faster the information is reported the more likely it is for Law Enforcement personnel to contact the individual.

By providing this information it will help us to answer the why question: What are their plans, intentions, goals?

The Eagle Eyes program is an anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror.

It starts with teaching people about the typical activities terrorists engage in to plan their attacks:

- * Surveillance - Someone recording or monitoring activities. (Taking notes, taking pictures)

- * Elicitation - People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people.

- * Tests of security - Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses. (Gate runners, requests for access)

- * Acquiring supplies - Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, detonators, timers, uniforms and identification cards



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Deployment briefings important for spouses

by Public Affairs

When your spouse is deployed, it is inevitable that your car will break down, your house will spring a leak, and everyone in the household will come down with a rare illness.

The good news is there is help, no matter what the situation. And the best place to start is the Airman and Family Readiness Center, located in Bldg. 300 at the 911th Airlift Wing.

The 911th AW offers deployment briefings, a mandatory briefing for all Airmen deploying. While the briefing is useful for deploying Airmen, it is also geared for spouses.

"We always look forward to talking directly with spouses when it comes to deployment issues, as it helps them eyeball the folks they can rely on to help them," said Mr. Terrance Stuart, director of Family Support, 911th Mission Support Group.

"Having spouses, significant others, and family members on hand lets them filter through the issues they are most interested in," he added.

As part of the Yellow Ribbon Initiative, a deployment briefing is provided and spouses are introduced to the Military One Source program. Through Military One Source help is essentially a phone call away. The program provides 24/7 availability for consultation at no cost. To learn more about this program, go to www.MilitaryOneSource.com.

Another program geared toward spouses is the Pittsburgh Military Family



Photo by 1st Lt. Shawn M. Walleck

Mr. Terry Stuart, director of Airmen and Family Readiness for the 911th Airlift Wing, explains some of the assistance available to spouses through the Military One Source program during a recent Yellow Ribbon event.

Support Group. It is an opportunity for families and loved ones to network and exchange ideas with other spouses and families. The PMFSG normally meets once a month and focuses on a fun theme. To find out more about the PMFSG, visit www.pittsburghfamilysupport.com.

"Our Pittsburgh Military Family Support Group is a great informal organization that offers fellowship for interested spouses all year around and are a great sounding board," said Mr. Stuart.

"Many of our services are for spouses, such as the spouse employment program, they are always encouraged to get assistance with finances as part of the family team," said Mr. Stuart.

With the assistance of sponsors, key

spouses, the chaplain, legal, the health and wellness center, family advocacy, education office, base leadership, and other organizations, it is a team effort with AFRC to provide resources and assistance to families who need it the most.

Last year, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley designated July 2009 to July 2010 as the Year of the Air Force Family, a year-long focus on Air Force programs highlighting the importance of and commitment to the entire Air Force family.

For more information on deployment briefings and the programs offered to spouses, visit the Airman and Family Readiness office or call (412)474-8544.



Thousands of families sign up for Fit Family

by Maj. Belinda Petersen
Public Affairs

Within the first week of the launch of FitFamily, more than 2,000 families have signed up for the program at <http://www.usafFitFamily.com>.

FitFamily empowers families to take charge of their lifestyles and make healthier choices. The program offers innovative ideas, resources and activities for Air Force families to improve their family's healthy and fitness habits.

With nearly one third of all children in the U.S. overweight or obese, the Air Force is taking action by introducing small changes that can make big improvements in a family's overall wellness.

The White House released a presidential memorandum this week establishing a task force on childhood obesity. "I have set a goal to solve the problem of childhood obesity within a generation so that children born today will reach adulthood at a healthy weight," said President Barack Obama in the memorandum.

"With the national spotlight on fitness and health care, it is relevant that fitness awareness is taught at an early age," said David Brittain, one of the program's administrators. "Youth can play a big role in FitFamily by choosing activities that keep the family involved and on the go."

The site encourages parents and children together to take ownership of their health. While the emphasis of FitFamily is on family fun, resources

on the site include information on good nutrition, healthy recipes, sports and fitness, games, educational projects and fitness tips.

"The FitFamily Web site is intended to make it easy for families to get fit," said Eliza Nesmith, chief of Airman and Family Services at the Pentagon. "We wanted a place where the whole family could participate and have fun while



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introducing healthy habits into their lifestyle."

The site also includes an interactive program for tracking a family's fitness progress. Called My Goal Tracker, this tool allows the family to establish goals, share in activities and monitor their development.

My Goal Tracker introduces various activities, each assigned with a point value.

As that activity is completed, the family records their points on the tracking form. There are 5 levels of point achievement, each with its own reward.

In addition to My Goal Tracker, participants can help other families by submitting healthy recipes, explaining how they've become a fit family through the Let's Chat feature, and submitting photos of their family getting fit.

The site is continuously updated with new information designed to help families build healthier habits together.

"I believe that with regular site visits to record family progress, learn new ideas and participate in monthly activities will have long-term health benefits, not only to the family, but to the entire Air Force community," Mr. Brittain said.

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"Taking care of families is a solemn promise we make to each Airman and family member," said Secretary Donley during his remarks to the Air Force Sergeants Association last year.

Eligible families of active duty, Reserve, Guard, and DoD civilian members are encouraged to register online to participate and log points at <http://www.usafFitFamily.com>.



In 2010, USAF Services will host three AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summits. For information about the various locations and activities of each Summit, please refer to the Teen Summit Information and Guidelines.

- Teens may only apply for one Summit.
- Deadline to apply is April 16, 2010.
- A complete application package must have the Application form, Code of Conduct and Transportation Form.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm receipt of complete application package.

Visit www.georgiuh.org/AFRANGTeenSummit for more details.

Officials unveil new AF Fitness Management System, Airmen prepare for transition into new test cycle

by Public Affairs

As Airmen begin transitioning into the new testing cycle this month, officials worked to publish the new Air Force instruction to the Air Force Publications Web site Jan. 12, with an effective date of July 1.

Air Force officials unveiled the new fitness program in August while still completing a rigorous schedule to collect feedback, coordinate the instruction and publish it by its original Jan. 1 target date. Incorporating some of the most significant changes to the fitness program in the last five years, Air Force leaders in November delayed the effective date for the new scoring system while implementing a hybrid approach that incorporated the biannual testing cycle.

"The hybrid approach gives active-duty Airmen time to train to the new standard and understand requirements outlined in the new instruction," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Long, the Air Force's chief of enlisted promotions, evaluations and fitness policy. "It also demonstrates the Air Force leadership's commitment to improve our standards while holding Airmen accountable for their scores throughout the transition period."

Chief Long said the hybrid approach also allows time for commanders to establish base fitness assessment cells and hire more than 250 civilian fitness testing technicians across the Air Force.

In addition to an increase in testing frequency and establishment of fitness assessment cells to proctor tests, Airmen

learned last summer of the significant change and increased emphasis being placed on the aerobic component in scoring. The new Air Force instruction sets minimum requirements for each component in addition to requiring Airmen achieve a passing score of 75 or greater.

In an Air Force fitness interim guidance memorandum published Jan. 6, Airmen testing through June 2010 under the present scoring standards will receive two score cards. The first score card will be calculated using present score charts and will be loaded into the Air Force Fitness Management System. This score will be used to document evaluation reports as "Meets" or "Does Not Meet" standards or "Exempt."

The second score card will be calculated using the new score charts that become effective in July and serves as a means for Airmen and commanders to gauge performance under the new scoring system.

During the hybrid period, Air Force Reserve Airmen will fitness test 12 months after their 2009 test date, then again 6 months later to progress to a biannual cycle. Air National Guard Airmen on active duty and drill status will fitness test 12 months after their last 2009 test date.

The new fitness program has been reclassified from a 10-series instruction to Air Force Instruction 36-2905, Fitness Program, and the new fitness standards become effective for all Airmen July 1.

To learn more about the new fitness program and view scoring components that become effective in July, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram.

Tops In Blue needs more Airmen

by Public Affairs

Air Force Services Agency officials are still looking for Airman to join the 2010 Tops In Blue team here.

"Tops In Blue is known for its music. In fact, it is one of the few touring shows that feature a full live band and this year is no exception," said Tom Edwards, Chief of Air Force Entertainment.

"We still need Airmen to fill the guitar, alto saxophone and trumpet positions to make the band complete," said Mr. Edwards.

The primary team for 2010 was recently announced and the team

will spend two and a half months at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, learning the music, completing their deployment requirements, and training on serving as ambassadors for the Air Force and U.S.

After completing the training regimen, the 2010 touring squad will hit the road in May for a 10-month tour that includes more than 120 shows in more than 20 countries. This year's theme is "We Believe."

For tour schedules, details on how to join and other information, contact Air Force Entertainment officials at 210-652-6566 or visit the website at <http://www.topsinblue.com>.

Sensitive Note

The Wing Commander would like to remind all personnel to secure their Common Access Cards, line badges, uniforms and other sensitive information at all times. Sensitive items should be secured on one's person or in a secure location. Under no circumstance should sensitive items be secured in vehicle passenger compartments in clear public sight where they are easily and frequently stolen.

A Common Access Card can be used to fraudulently access military installations to commit criminal or terrorist acts. As a result, it is imperative to report the loss to the 911 Security Forces at (412) 474-8250/8255, as soon as possible.

Promotions

To Airman

Peter Sommer, 911 MXS
Aaron Cachara, 911 MXS
Phillip Patterson-Henderson, 911
AES

To Airman 1st Class

Travis Hendell, 911 CES
Kelsey Hansen, 911 SVS
Regis Coll, 32 APS

To Senior Airman

Jonathan Hogan, 32 APS
Kelly Abati, 911 SFS
Jared Dziak, 911 MXS
Jeremy Niehenke, 911 MXS
Ian Myers, 911 CES
Steven Burchick, 911 MXS

Dawn Dolce, 911 AES

Justin Davis, 911 MXS

To Staff Sergeant

Branden Brooks, 911 SFS
Heather Fye, 911 ASTS
Damian Jerigreene, 911 MOF
Sunshine Eger, 911 AW
Jennifer Grabiak, 911 ASTS
Russell Makin, 911 LRS
Alex Murray, 911 AES
Brenda Murray, 911 SFS

To Technical Sergeant

Paul Thomas, 911 CES
Daniel Chuey, 911 SFS
William Conn, 32 APS
Keith Samek, 911 LRS
Cody Williams, 911 MOF

Richard Witherite, 811 MXS

Adam Biancucci, 911 AES

To Master Sergeant

John Cellurale, 758 AS
Amy Hallus, 911 ASTS
James Puskar, 32 APS
Robert Steckmeyer, 32 APS



To Colonel

Congratulations Col. Mona
Ternus, 911th Aeromedical Staging
Squadron commander, on your
recent promotion to colonel!



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News Briefs

Walt Disney World promotion

The Information, Travel & Ticket office is pleased to announce that Walt Disney World will be offering a new salute program for 2010. The promotion will run during the period of January 3 thru July 31, 2010. During this period, Walt Disney World 4-Day Salute Tickets may be purchased by "Eligible Service Members" or spouses for their family and friends. There is a limit of six tickets per "Eligible Service Member" with tickets fully expiring on Sept. 30, 2010. There are blackout dates so please check when ordering tickets. Call (412) 474-8641 for more info.

Scholarship applications now available

Scholarships for Military Children applications are now available in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at www.commissaries.com and directly at www.militaryscholar.org. The scholarships program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to service members and their families.

Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship management services organization, manages and awards the scholarships. Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public donate money to the program, and every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarships.

Dependent, unmarried children, younger than age 21 (age 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military members, survivors of service members who died while on active duty, or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military may apply

for a scholarship.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2010, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Environmental science camp

Allegheny College is hosting several environmental science camps this summer. Session I is from July 11-16 and Session II is from July 18-23. The camp fee is \$500 with a \$150 non-deductible deposit due upon acceptance to the camp. This camp is targeting high school juniors and seniors. It features many hands on activities. It is limited to 12 campers per session. For more information, contact (814) 332-5351 or creek@allegheny.edu

Pittsburgh Military Family Support Group

The PMFSG would like to send best wishes and support to all of the families of the deployed members of the 911th and 758th. We would like to encourage everyone who would like to be part of supporting our base and our families to come on out. We have a lot of great people involved with our group and would like to welcome everyone.

The next meeting will be held April 24 beginning at 2 p.m. in the Family Support Conference room. The meeting will be hosted by our very own Terry and Cindy Stuart. Cindy is bringing some of her Chinese specialties for us to try. Expect the meeting to last until approximately 4 p.m.

If you need anything please contact us at (412) 474-8544 or visit our website at <http://www.911thfamilysupport.com>

Unique camp opportunity

The Stoltz Family, owners of Island Lake Camp located in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, have once again generously provided summer camp spaces for military youth at no-cost. The Air Force has been provided five free slots (valued at \$3,000 each) during the weeks of Aug. 3-16, 2010 for youth to experience this unique camp opportunity.

Eligible youth must be 8-13 years old or in 3rd-8th grades (a/o Sept 10), have a parent currently or recently deployed and must complete the attached scholarship form. Applications are due by May 1, 2010 via email to David Brittain at david.brittain@pentagon.af.mil or fax DSN 664-0323. Selections will be made and families notified by May 30, 2010.

Free tutoring

The Defense Department has launched a free, online tutoring service for servicemembers and their families. The site - <http://www.tutor.com/military> — offers round-the-clock professional tutors who can assist with homework, studying, test preparation, resume writing and more.


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